

MR. DABBS ON THE LYNCHING.

Reasons For Defending the Shooting.

To the Editor of the Item:

I do not know that it is worth while to pursue the subject further, but I would like to make one or two points clear upon which you seem to think I was not informed.

As to the subsequent hanging and shooting a dying feud, though he was, and more horrible still parading his mutilated body on Main Street and holding it up to be photographed, nothing can be said in extenuation.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, condemn in such terms as you think will do most good, such horrible exhibitions; but you will accomplish more good and do more to make lynching impossible, if you can stir up public sentiment that the officers of the law will not dare to allow criminals to run at large.

MR. RHAME AT THE BAR.

Criticised By a Citizen of Magnolia.

Mr. Editor: In The Item of the 9th inst, notice an article from Mr. W. F. Rhame which he says, "Simon Cooper was murdered by his captors. I have no knowledge of who the guilty parties are."

I suppose Mr. Rhame would be ashamed to kill a man who had gone to his, or his neighbors house and killed in the most brutal manner, innocent women and feeble old men without any excuse.

But Mr. Rhame knows the manner in which Cooper met his death will be a lesson taught for good showing that such dastardly deeds as that needs and merits just such treatment.

Again he says: "The bloody drama enacted this afternoon hurts society far more than Cooper's horrible deeds." It seems to me that a man of Mr. Rhame's intelligence should think for a moment of such a comparison.

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RETURNS of all Personal Property and Poll Taxes will be received at this office from January 1st, 1897, to January 12th, 1897, and at the following times and places:

- Mayesville, Tuesday, January 12th. Reid's Mill, Wednesday, January 13. Mannville, Thursday, January 14th. Smithville, Friday, January 15th. Mechanicsville, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Kingman's Store, Monday, Jan. 18. Rembert's Store, Tuesday, Jan. 19. Hagood, Wednesday, January 20th. Stateburg, Thursday, January 21st. Wedgefield, Friday, January 22nd. R. I. Manning's, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. J. M. Tindal's, Monday, Jan. 25th. Bishopville, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 26th and 27th. Magnolia, Thursday, January 28th. Lynchburg, Friday, January 29th. Concord, Saturday, January 30th. Johnston's Store, Monday, Feb. 1st. Shiloh, Tuesday, February 2nd.

And at Auditor's office in the City of Sumter from February 3rd, to February 20th inclusive

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc., return to the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE. TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns: Dated Dec 13, 1896, No. 55, No. 51, P.M., A.M. Rows include Leave Wilmington, Arrive Marion, Arrive Florence, Leave Florence, Arrive Sumter.

No. 52 runs through from Charleston to Central R. R., leaving Lanes 8:34 a. m., Manning 9:10 a. m.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns: No. 54, No. 53, A.M., P.M. Rows include Leave Columbia, Arrive Sumter, Leave Sumter, Arrive Florence, Leave Florence, Leave Marion, Arrive Wilmington.

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

No. 53 runs through to Charleston, S. C., via Central R. R., arriving Manning 6:58 p. m., Lanes 7:37 p. m., Charleston 9:10 p. m. Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourne 10:40 a. m., arrive at Conway 1:00 p. m., returning leave Conway at 2:25 p. m., arrive Chadbourne 4:55 p. m. Leave Chadbourne 2:00 p. m., arrive at Hub at 5:00 p. m., returning leave Hub 8:30 a. m., arrive at Chadbourne 9:15 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

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Wilson and Summerton R. R.

In effect January 15th, 1896.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns: No. 72, Leave Wilsons Mill, Jordan, Davis, Summerton, Millard, Silver, Packsville, Tindal, W. & S. Junc., Ar. Sumter.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns: No. 73, Leave Sumter, W. & S. Junc., Tindal, Packsville, Silver, Millard, Summerton, Davis, Jordan, Ar. Wilson Mill.

Trains between Millard and St. Paul leave Millard 10:15 a. m. and 3:45 p. m., arriving St. Paul 10:25 a. m. and 3:55 p. m. Returning leave St. Paul 10:35 a. m. and 4:10 p. m., and arrive Millard 10:45 a. m. and 4:20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

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Atlantic Coast Line. North-Eastern R. R. of S. C.

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Table with columns: Dated Dec. 13, 1896, No. 35, No. 23, No. 53, No. 51, A.M., P.M., A.M., P.M. Rows include Le. Florence, Ar. Kingtree, Ar. Lanes, Le. Lanes, Ar. Charl'tn.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns: No. 78, No. 32, No. 52, No. 50, A.M., P.M., A.M., P.M. Rows include Le. Charl'tn, Ar. Lanes, Le. Lanes, Ar. Kingtree, Ar. Florence.

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. No. 52 runs through to Columbia via Central R. R. of S. C. Trains Nos. 78 and 32 run via Wilson and Fayetteville—Short Line—and make close connection for all points North.

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In effect January 4, 1896. CAROLINAS DIVISION.

NORTHBOUND.—(Daily except Sunday.)

Table with columns: No. 33, No. 11, Lv Camden, Ar. Kershaw, Lv Kershaw, Lv Lancaster, Lv Catawba Junction, Ar. Rock Hill, Lv Rock Hill, Lv Yorkville, Lv Blacksburg, Lv Patterson Springs, Lv Shelby, Lv Rutherfordton, Ar. Marion.

SOUTH BOUND.—(Daily except Sunday.)

Table with columns: No. 32, No. 10, Lv Marion, Lv Rutherfordton, Lv Shelby, Lv Patterson Springs, Ar. Blacksburg, Lv Blacksburg, Lv Yorkville, Ar. Rock Hill, Lv Rock Hill, Lv Catawba Junction, Lv Lancaster, Ar. Kershaw, Lv Kershaw, Ar. Camden.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

In effect December 13, 1896.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns: No. 75, No. 157, Lv Darlington, Ar. Sumter, Lv Sumter, Ar. Orangeburg, Ar. Deemark.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns: No. 76, No. 162, Lv Deemark, Lv Orangeburg, Lv Preghalls, Lv Creston, Ar. Sumter, Lv Sumter, Ar. Darlington.

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. Trains 50 and 51 carry through Pullman Palace Buffet Sleeping Cars between New York and Atlanta via Augusta.

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Table with columns: Lv Charleston, Branchville, Bamberg, Denmark, Blackville, Williston, Aiken, Ar. Augusta, Lv Augusta, Aiken, Williston, Blackville, Denmark, Bamberg, Branchville, Ar. Charleston.

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Table with columns: Lv Augusta, Ar. Aiken, Ar. Denmark, Lv Denmark, Ar. Aiken, Ar. Augusta.

Daily Except Sunday.

Table with columns: Lv Camden, Ar. Camden Junction, Ar. Kingville, Lv Kingville, Ar. Camden Junction, Ar. Camden.

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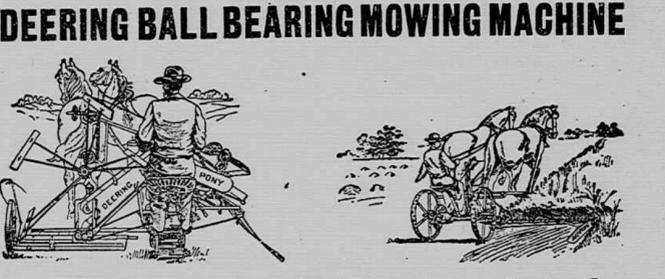
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